

The Squads



NORTHWOOD

Manager: Simon Lane
Coach: Jake Heracleous
Physio: Nick Aston

Kit: All red

- HARRY VOSS
- PAT KELLY
- PAT ADAMSON
- LEWIS HOBBS
- BRAD HEWITT
- MARCUS ROSE
- TAYSHAN HAYDEN-SMITH
- EVANS KOUASSI
- MESHACH WILLIAMS
- LOUIS HALL
- HARRY NEWMAN
- ANTONIO WALKER
- HAKIM NYARIKI
- JAMIE DOOLAN
- JAY THORNE
- JAMES GURTEEN
- HAMZA MIEZOU
- JACK MCDONNELL
- TOMMY BOXER
- TOM MCDONNELL
- ARASH ABDOLLAHI
- BORJA LOECHES-TEIXEIRA
- MONTEL JOSEPH
- MOHAMMED AYOUB
- MAHLONDO MARTIN



ASHFORD TOWN

Manager: Ben Murray
Coach: Mark Green
Physio: Martin O'Conner

Kit: Tangerine & white

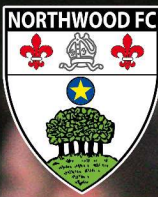
- JAKE TAYLER
- TYLER TOBIN
- JACK BEADLE
- MARK BITMEAD
- WILL BOYE
- TOMMY BRUNTON
- RUSSELL CANDERTON
- JAMES COTTEE
- YAHYA EL-KABOUCHE
- ALEX FISHER
- DANIEL FLEMING
- JOE GREEN
- JAMAL HARVEY
- ROMARIO JONAS
- SAMAD KAZI
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- ELLIOTT POLEY
- NATHAN POOLEY
- MAX WEBB
- SCOTT WEIGHT

The Officials

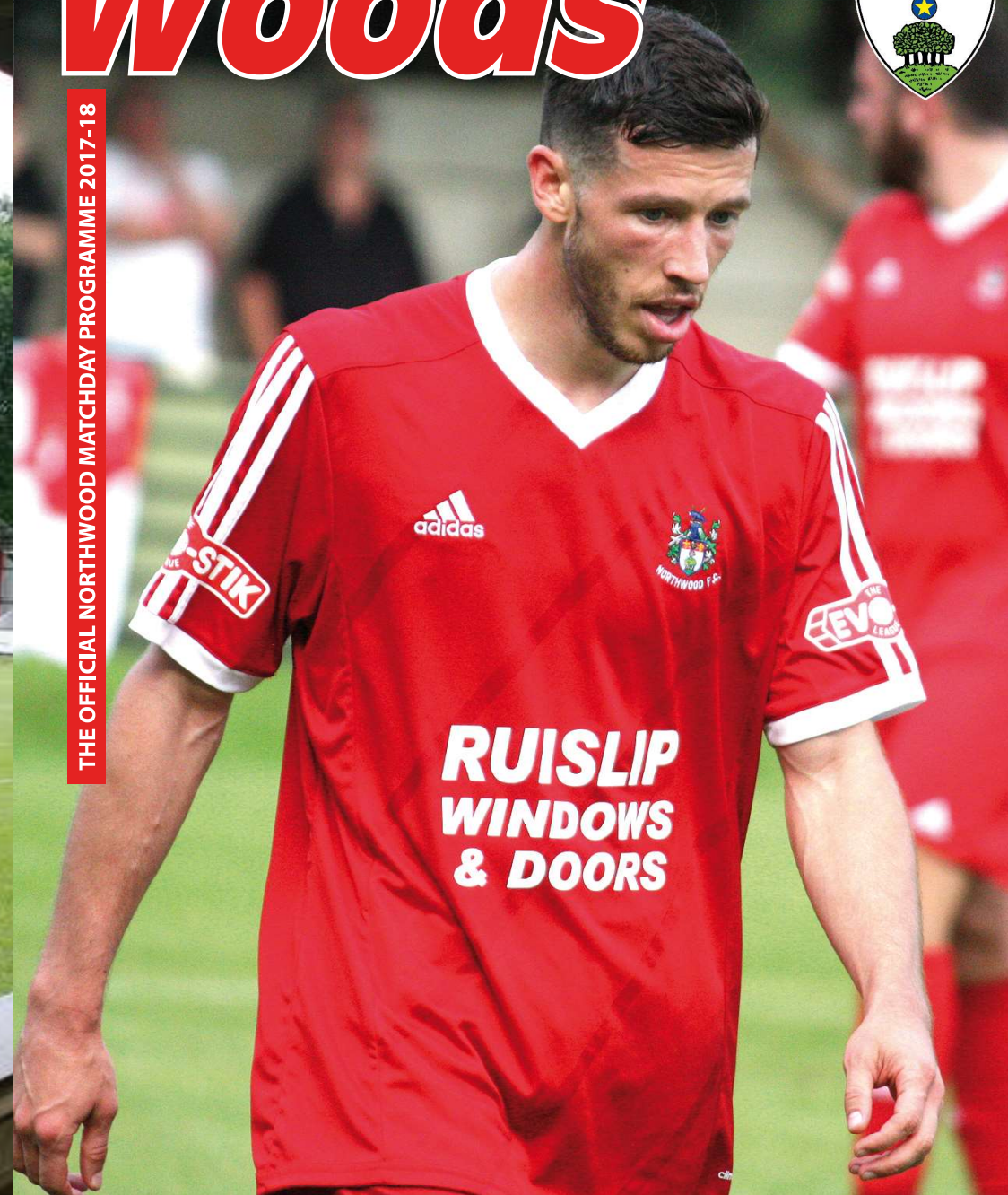
REFEREE: Shaun Farrer
ASSISTANT: Scott Orchard
ASSISTANT: Zach Jacquart



Woods



THE OFFICIAL NORTHWOOD MATCHDAY PROGRAMME 2017-18



EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, EAST

versus **ASHFORD TOWN MIDDX**

Tuesday 26th September 2017

Kick-off 7.45pm

UP FRONT

Welcome back to Northwood Park this evening, and we are pleased to see our supporters new and old, and also welcome all connected with Ashford Town (Middlesex) F.C.; we trust they enjoy their stay with us and have a safe journey home later.

Ashford Town have started the season in fine style, with just one Evo-Stik League South defeat so far, with victories already against Cambridge City, Arlesey Town, Uxbridge and – last Saturday – Aylesbury, who were defeated 2-0 thanks to first half goals from Jack Beadle and Romario Jones. They have a third qualifying round Emirates FA Cup tie against Leatherhead on Saturday in the following victories over Wembley, Corinthian Casuals and Marlow, and we wish them well in the competition.

The Woods have had some disappointing results in the past few games, back-to-back League Cup and League defeats by Egham Town being followed by Saturday's trip to Uxbridge, where we threw away a share of the spoils when what was described as "inexplicable reaction from Woods 'keeper" resulted in an 89th minute red card, penalty and 2-1 win for the home side in our derby clash. Hopefully the young Woods squad will share the necessary application and ability to bounce back from that setback tonight – as manager Simon Lane says in his column, this is a steep learning curve for his players.

Following this evening's match, we are quickly back at Chestnut Avenue with a second successive home outing this coming Saturday, when Marlow are the visitors – don't miss it!

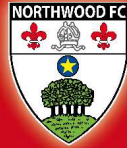
Many thanks for your support, and we hope to see you here again very soon!

Ken

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CLUB HONOURS

Isthmian League Division One North champions: 2003
Isthmian League Division Two runners-up: 2000
Isthmian League Division Three promotion: 1997
Isthmian League Cup winners: 2002
Isthmian Charity Shield winners: 2002
Isthmian Associate Members Trophy winners: 1993, 2000
Middlesex Senior Cup winners: 2007, 2016
Middlesex Senior Cup finalists: 2000, 2002,
Middlesex Senior Cup semi-finalists: 1992, 1993, 1997,
1999, 2006, 2008, 2010
Middlesex Senior Charity Cup finalists: 1994, 2003, 2005, 2012
Middlesex Intermediate Cup winners: 1979
Middlesex Junior Cup winners: 1938
Middlesex Junior Cup finalists: 1935, 1936
London Spartan League Premier Division champions: 1992
London Spartan League Premier Division runners-up: 1990
London Spartan League Cup winners: 1990, 1992
Hellenic League Division One champions: 1979
Hellenic League Premier Division Cup finalists: 1982
Hellenic League Division One Cup winners: 1979
Middlesex League Premier Division champions: 1978
Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up: 1972, 1977
Middlesex League Challenge Cup winners: 1975, 1977, 1978
Harrow, Wembley & District League champions: 1933,
1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1948, 1949

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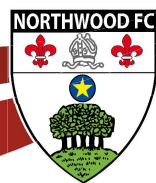
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CHAIRMAN

IAN BARRY

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Gate	Lge. pos.	1	2	3	4
AUGUST									
Sat 12	Hartley Wintney	Away	L 0-2	135	19	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Tue 15	MONEYFIELDS	HOME	D 1-1	103	18	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Sat 19	Swindon Supermarine (FAC)	Away	L 0-1	132	-	Ayoub	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Sat 26	ARLESEY TOWN	Away	W 3-1	87	12	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Boxer
Mon 28	HAYES & YEADING UTD	HOME	W 2-0	243	9	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hewitt
SEPTEMBER									
Sat 9	Cambridge City	Away	L 0-1	145	13	Joseph	Kelly	Adamson	Hewitt
Tue 12	EGHAM TOWN (BFBC)	HOME	L 1-3	52	-	Loeches-Teixeira	J McDonnell	Adamson	Hewitt
Sat 16	EGHAM TOWN	HOME	L 0-1	96	14	Daly	J McDonnell	Antwi	Hewitt
Sat 23	Uxbridge	Away	L 1-2	90	16	McCorkell	Kelly	J McDonnell	Buckley
Tue 26	ASHFORD TOWN	HOME							
Sat 30	MARLOW	HOME							
OCTOBER									
Sat 7	MALDON & TIPTREE (FAT)	HOME							
Sat 14	Bedford Town	Away							
Tue 17	AFC Hayes (MSC1)	Away							
Sat 21	AYLESBURY UNITED	HOME							
Tue 24	Hanwell Town	Away							
Sat 28	(FAT)								
NOVEMBER									
Sat 4	KEMPSTON ROVERS	HOME							
Sat 11	Barton Rovers	Away							
Tue 14	FLEET TOWN	HOME							
Sat 18	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	Away							
Sat 25	AYLESBURY	HOME							
Tue 28	Thame United	Away							
DECEMBER									
Sat 2	Beaconsfield Town	Away							
Sat 9	AFC DUNSTABLE	HOME							
Sat 16	Moneyfields	Away							
Sat 23	HARTLEY WINTNEY	HOME							
Tue 26	Hayes & Yeading United	Away							
JANUARY									
Mon 1	CHALFONT ST PETER	HOME							
Sat 6	Egham Town	Away							
Sat 13	ARLESEY TOWN	HOME							
Sat 20	BARTON ROVERS	HOME							
Sat 27	Kempston Rovers	Away							
FEBRUARY									
Sat 3	Ashford Town	Away							
Sat 10	UXBRIDGE	HOME							
Sat 17	Marlow	Away							
Sat 24	BEDFORD TOWN	HOME							
MARCH									
Sat 3	Aylesbury United	Away							
Sat 10	HANWELL TOWN	HOME							
Sat 17	AFC Dunstable	Away							
Sat 24	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	HOME							
Sat 31	CAMBRIDGE CITY	HOME							
APRIL									
Mon 2	Chalfont St Peter	Away							
Sat 7	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAM.	HOME							
Sat 14	Fleet Town	Away							
Sat 21	THAME UNITED	HOME							
Sat 28	Aylesbury	Away							

Good evening and welcome to Chestnut Avenue. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Ashford Town Middx FC and trust you enjoy your short stay here.

There is a fair amount of items I could write about today, as a fair bit has happened on the field, but rather unlike me I've decided to hold back my feelings for a bit on these, as we still try to find our way to a settled side and improvement in one or two positions.

I will, however, yet again give my thoughts on the usual inept performances from the match officials at our games!

The young, inexperienced Referee we had here against Egham infuriated both sides it seems but as usual in our games 'he who shouts the loudest' comes out on top, with the Egham players even managing to change the mind of the ref from giving a goal kick to a corner!!

Shocking, even from the poor standard we have to put up with week after week. Interesting to see one Assistant Referee practising his flagging during the warm up..... without the flag!

Holding back even more feelings on the poor welcome we receive from certain clubs and their Club Officials and even some of the woeful catering on offer.

We do get a lot right here taking into account the small number of people we have helping. Our standards will never be compromised in my time here.

Two wins this week will go a long way to improving my mood. Yes, it will, honest.

Up the Woods!

Ian

"We do get a lot right here taking account the small number of helpers"



MANAGER

SIMON LANE

Good evening all and welcome to Northwood Park for tonight's visit of Ashford Town FC.

We arrive at tonight's game in the middle of a challenging spell of results that have not fully mirrored performances.

Having said that, we have certainly contributed to our own problems with poor decisions being the chief culprit.

This means that this young team will have to grow in mental strength quickly, and the learning curve that they are all on will have to be steeper than we'd prefer.

Conversely, although results haven't gone our way in the last 10 days or so, there is much to be positive about.

Improvement is the name of the game after last season, and it is clear we are moving in the right direction on the whole, despite the inevitable bumps on the long road.

One thing for certain is that we are working intensely in

all areas to keep learning and improving.

Enjoy the game

Up the Woods!

Simon



EVO-STIK LEAGUE, SOUTH ROUND-UP



TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Arlesey Town v Bedford Town
Aylesbury v Marlow
Barton Rovers v Cambridge City
Chalfont St Peter v Hanwell Town
Egham Town v Hartley Wintney
Fleet Town v Uxbridge
Hayes & Yeading U v Moneyfields
Kempston R ov. v Aylesbury United
Northwood v Ashford Town
Thame United v Beaconsfield Town

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

AFC Dunstable v AFC Rushden & D

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

AFC Dunstable v Moneyfields
Arlesey Town v Hartley Wintney
Aylesbury v Uxbridge
Barton Rovers v Hanwell Town
Chalfont St P v AFC Rushden & D
Fleet Town v Beaconsfield Town
Northwood v Marlow
Thame United v Bedford Town

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Ashford Town v Aylesbury United
Kempston Rovers v Hayes & Yeading

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

AFC Rushden & D v Egham Town
Ashford Town v Hayes & Yeading
Aylesbury United v Arlesey Town
Beaconsfield Town v Kempston R
Bedford Town v Northwood
Cambridge City v Thame United
Hanwell Town v Fleet Town
Hartley Wintney v Chalfont St Peter
Marlow v Barton Rovers
Moneyfields v Aylesbury
Uxbridge v AFC Dunstable

Moneyfields maintained their unbeaten start to life at Step 4 by beating Chalfont St Peter 1-0 and take the top of the table from AFC Dunstable, who lost at Hartley Wintney on Saturday. The only goal of the game came when Brett Poate fired home a terrific free-kick in the 68th minute.

Title-favourites AFC Rushden & Diamonds will be disappointed to have been held to a 0-0 draw at Hayden Road in front of 414 by lowly Arlesey Town, while AFC Dunstable were beaten by a 64th minute Sam Argent goal at another of the newcomers settling in well, Hartley Wintney.

Hanwell Town made it six successive defeats as they lost to another newly-promoted side, Thame United, for whom the bosses' son Dan West on 25 minutes and Lynton Goss 6 minutes from time were the goalscorers.

Egham Town were beaten 6-1 by Cambridge City. It was only 1-0 at half-time, thanks to a 27th minute Ryan Sharman effort.

But City quickly made it 3-0 by the 56th minute with a second for Sharman and once for Tom Knowles. Jordan Gent added a fourth on 79 minutes and a Lewis Wilson penalty made it a nap hand 4 minutes later. Aaron Berry netted a consolation for the Sarnies 4 minutes from time, although there was still time for new signing Brandon McCarthy to net a stoppage time sixth on debut.

Hayes & Yeading found some form at the New Eyrrie against Bedford Town, running out 3-0 winners with Manny Duku bagging a brace.

EVO-STIK League table											
Including 24.9.17		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Moneyfields	7	6	1	0	19	7	19				
AFC Dunstable	8	5	1	2	17	6	16				
Hartley Wintney	6	5	0	1	12	6	15				
Egham Town	7	5	0	2	12	13	15				
Beaconsfield	7	4	1	2	14	7	13				
Ashford Town	6	4	1	1	15	10	13				
Cambridge City	6	4	0	2	15	7	12				
Uxbridge	7	4	0	3	10	12	12				
AFC Rushden &	6	3	2	1	14	4	11				
Hayes & Yeading	6	3	1	2	12	8	10				
Kempston	6	3	1	2	8	6	10				
Chalfont St Peter	7	3	1	3	6	9	10				
Marlow	6	3	0	3	10	8	9				
Thame United	7	3	0	4	11	18	9				
Barton Rovers	8	2	2	4	8	12	8				
Northwood	7	2	1	4	7	8	7				
Aylesbury	6	2	1	3	7	11	7				
Bedford Town	6	2	0	4	10	13	6				
Arlesey Town	7	1	2	4	8	11	5				
Fleet Town	7	0	2	5	4	22	2				
Aylesbury	7	0	1	6	4	13	1				
Hanwell Town	6	0	0	6	1	13	0				



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The Woods came out on top in a Ryman League Division One fixture at home to Walton & Hersham, and it was comfortable enough in the end but after Steve Hale opened the scoring on 22 minutes, the visitors quickly levelled. Danny Yeoman and Rene Street put Woods in a strong position with goals either side of the break, but Walton responded to make it 3-2.

Andy Sherry and Mark Hook (pictured) scored in the closing stages before a late penalty converted by Walton & Hersham reduced the arrears to two goals.

Northwood: Paul Riordan, Danny Yeoman (Craig McIntosh), Gary Williams, Danny Butler, Rene Street, Dave Sargent (Gavin Hart), Dave Nolan, Andy Sherry, Steve Hale, Lawrence Yaku (Scott Fitzgerald), Mark Hook.

TEN YEARS AFTER



WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

The club started as Ashford Albion in 1958 and first competed in the Hounslow & District League, winning two consecutive promotions to reach the Premier Division. The club changed its name to Ashford Town in 1964, and was elected to the Surrey Intermediate League (Western) in 1967 and after a season of consolidation, soon worked their way through to the Premier Division, winning an assortment of League and Cup honours on the way. In 1976, Ashford enjoyed their best season, winning the League by a substantial margin.

Prior to season 1982-83 the club became founder members of the Surrey County Premier League, and almost from the start, the club had aspirations to acquire its own ground; this was achieved in August 1985, when a long lease was signed with Spelthorne Borough Council, enabling the club to move to its present home at Short Lane, Stanwell. From what was nothing more than a field, the facilities were quickly developed, with the first match at Short Lane taking place in February 1986.

For geographical and historical reasons, Ashford affiliate to both Middlesex and Surrey F.A.'s, and in 1989-90, their last season as an Intermediate club, they reached the final of both County Premier Cup competitions. The runners-up spot in the League was also secured and the club joined the Combined Counties League,

senior status having been granted in May 1990. During its ten year membership of the Combined Counties, the club never finished below sixth place, and after finishing 3rd and 2nd in seasons 1992-93 and 1993-94, it went on to win the League Championship for four successive seasons. A fifth championship in just six seasons was secured in 1999-00, along with the Middlesex Charity Cup, the first ever senior county cup honour. Ashford moved into the Ryman League for season 2000-01 and by finishing in 3rd place, secured promotion to Division 2 at the first attempt.

In 2004-05 the club joined the Southern League for the first time, and the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was reached for the first time. A year later Ashford finished second in Division One West of the Southern League, to secure promotion to Step 3. This brought about a return to the Ryman League and in the following season they won the Isthmian League Cup. In 2008-09 Ashford had a thrilling 3-2 win over Woking to win the Surrey Senior Cup. But after finishing in a Ryman Premier relegation spot, the club moved back to the Southern League, in the Central Division, for the 2010-11 campaign, with Jamie Lawrence at the helm and with a mixture of established local players and new faces but the season was a challenging one. The club played some

through to 17-year-old Elliott Buchanan and he created a bit of space for himself before curling a 25-yard strike beyond the reach of goalkeeper Tony Kessell for a fine goal and his first of the season.

Dartford looked for a response and started causing some problems with high balls into the box. Liam Watson made a fine instinctive save to deny Jay May but on 35 minutes the visitors levelled when a similar move ended with Eddie McClements fired home from close-range. It was part of a spell where the Woods defence looked particularly shaky and Dartford dominated up to half-time with May spurning a great chance to put his side in front.

However, they had to wait just five minutes after the restart to take the lead when a goalmouth



scramble ended as Brendon Cass knocked the ball home to make it 2-1 to the Darts.

The Woods needed to up their game of they were to get back into it and

as they still looked vulnerable to the high ball, a change was made with Bradley Hewitt coming on for Lee Holland with Jazz Rose moving to right-back. It had a good effect at the back and coincided with another spectacular strike that got them back on level terms. The Darts defence failed to clear a Buchanan corner and centre-half Adam Theo latched onto the loose ball with a half-volley that arrowed into the top corner for his first goal for the club.

The Woods were visibly lifted and began to play their best football of the afternoon with Jermaine Hamilton inches away from touching home a Matthews cross but Dartford still looked dangerous on the break and Watson made vital saves to deny McClements and substitute Matt Bodkin.

Both sides were looking for the winning goal and it came just three minutes from time. Buchanan fed substitute John Lawford and when his shot was blocked it fell to Hewitt and the young defender finished with aplomb to secure all three points for the Woods.

For the Boreham Wood FA Cup tie a week later, the injury problem for Liam Watson had flared up again so there was a call up for former youth team goalkeeper Bill Fishenden and Bradley Hewitt was brought in to start the game against his former club. Unfortunately the Woods found themselves a goal down after just five minutes as Greg Morgan sped down the right and delivered a pinpoint cross which was headed home by Simon Thomas.

The home side continued to dominate the first-half and it took Northwood quite some time to get a foothold in the game but when they did they started to create a number of chances themselves with Kyle Matthews looking most dangerous.

In the second-half they the Woods lost Elliott Buchanan to an ankle injury and they shuffled things around several times in an attempt to find an equaliser.

But in Noel Imber Boreham Woods had a goalkeeper who looked particularly dominant and chances were few and far between. Fishenden made a couple of good saves at the other end to keep his side in the game but in the end the one early goal proved enough and the Ryman Premier side were through to the next round.

We will have more from Ten Years After in our next programme.





Alan Evans looks back at Northwood events of a decade ago

PHOTOS by PAUL EVANS

Tonight we continue with our popular feature where we look back to events here at Northwood Park from exactly a decade ago. This means our first season back at Step 4 of non-League following the first-ever relegation in the senior club's history as we succumbed to the drop in our second season of Southern Premier Division football having been transferred across following two years of Isthmian Premier competition.

There had been yet another surprise from the FA during the summer. We had expected to remain in the Southern League with relegation to play alongside the likes of Hillingdon Borough and Brook House who were both in the then South & West Division of the Southern but no, the FA had other ideas once again and



we found ourselves back in the arms of the Isthmian League and in Division One North with many trips round the M25 and into Essex! Our tenants Wealdstone had also been moved and would start their third and final season sharing Northwood Park with us in the Isthmian Premier where we would have loved to have stayed a couple of years earlier.

But the start of the season had not been too spectacular with just one point from the first for matches before success in the opening round

of the FA Cup with a 1-0 victory over big rivals Uxbridge where former boss Tony Choules was in charge of a side that included six ex-Northwood players. The reward for that was an away tie at Boreham Wood, one of Northwood manager Colin Payne's former teams.

That was a couple of weeks away though and before that was the need to start picking up some league points in a Saturday home game against highly-rated Dartford who were high up in the list of promotion favourites.

They had recently moved into a brand-new purpose built stadium with over 1,000 seats as they look to recover from years of nomadic existence to return to the top of the non-League Pyramid. A browse through the programme for the match reported that goalkeeper Ashley Harris, who had been at fault for two of the goals in an earlier defeat at Brentwood, had been released after Liam Watson had returned after injury.

There was a change to the team as the injured Jerome Hall was replaced by Kyle Matthews who had returned to the club after a spell at Harrow Borough. There was a distinctly low-key start to the game but that changed on 18 minutes when the Woods took a shock lead in spectacular fashion.

It was Matthews who played a clever ball



sparkling football at times and enjoyed an exciting run in the FA Trophy, reaching the Last 32 in the competition before losing at home to Dartford. However, League form was patchy and the club finished 16th. One bright spark was the club winning the Southern Combination Cup, defeating Hanworth Villa 1-0 in the Final.

Jamie Lawrence resigned as Manager in June 2011 and the club immediately appointed his assistant, Paul Burgess, to take the helm after more than 21 years at the club, including 683 First Team appearances. Despite having little time to do it and few resources at his disposal, "Burgo" assembled a young and exciting team. Although any hopes of a tilt at the promotion play-offs were dashed by a dreadful run where the club failed to win at home for four months, Ashford finished the season strongly, winning two Cup Finals in 48 hours. In the Middlesex Charity Cup Final, the Ash Trees were 3-0 down to Northwood after 48 minutes before substitute Kofi Lockhart-Adams scored four times to put his team ahead. The game finished 4-4, with Ashford winning the penalty shoot-out 4-2.

Two days later, Ashford defeated Badshot Lea 3-1 to add the Aldershot Senior Cup to the cabinet, aided by a fine performance from Paul McCarthy, who had saved two penalties in the first Final. A memorable season was capped by the club being named winners of the Southern League Fair Play Award.

The Players

JAKETAYLOR

Jake is a young goalkeeper who played in Ashford's youth sides. His father Glen played several hundred matches for Ashford in the 80's.

TYLERTOBIN

Just 22 years of age but Ashford's regular goalkeeper in recent seasons. His consistency is shown by his having 183 matches under his belt.

JOE GREEN

Joe is the son of Assistant Manager Mark Green and has earned a regular spot this new season. 74 appearances so far, with a spell at CCL club Knaphill in between.

ALEX FISHER

Alex is just 20 but a very consistent player

with 160 appearances already. He played for Middlesex County with distinction throughout his youth years and came through Ashford's junior ranks.

JONAS ROMARIO

Giant central defender who came to Ashford for the start of 2016-2017, having previously played for Maidenhead United. Extremely popular with his team mates, 37 appearances last season.

RUSSELL CANDERTON

Ashford's most senior player with no less than 642 appearances for the club. He first joined in 2001 from Staines Town and has been a regular ever since, often helping out on the coaching side in recent seasons.

SAMAD KAZI

Samad is another player from the junior ranks who can play anywhere and has lightning pace. He had a short period with Walton & Hersham but in two spells with Ashford he has now racked up 236 appearances.

TOMMY BRUNTON

Tommy came to Ashford from Egham Town and has now made 195 appearances. His strength is to pick out passes that would not be seen by some players and he has had a hand in an awful lot of Ashford goals in recent seasons.

SCOTTWEIGHT

After Russell Canderton, Scott is the next senior player, now aged 30. He also had a spell with Egham Town but he has racked up 204 appearances for Ashford. Touch tackling midfielder who can also revert to central defender as and when needed.

MAXWEBB

Powerhouse midfielder player and another one well over the 100 appearance mark, with 163. Max is another player to come through the junior sides. Scorer of spectacular goals.

MARK BITMEAD

Ashford's mercurial striker who never loses the opportunity to shoot and his goals have got Ashford out of many a sticky spot over the seasons. Now 25 and at his peak, with 290 appearances for the club and 146



goals. Has been exclusively an Ashford player throughout his career, coming through the junior ranks, apart from two very short spells with North Greenford United and Kingstonian.

DAN FLEMING

Dan has formed a lethal partnership with Mark Bitmead over the last three seasons, after arriving at the club from Harefield United. He now has 145 appearances to his name and 86 goals.

JAMES COTTEE

New to the club this season, having joined from Westfield where he scored 20 goals last season, and has quickly made himself a favourite with his determined running and early goals

JACK BEADLE

Jack arrived from neighbours Bedfont Sports and his strong flank play, usually down the left flank from midfield but not always, has generally ensured a regular place. Still only 23 he looks stronger than ever this season and is often amongst the goals. He had a short spell at Egham Town last season but returned before the end of the campaign and now has 163 appearances and 47 goals under his belt. His father Chad is the club's General Manager.

JAMAL HARVEY

A new signing this season who has secured a place in the squad. Tall and determined he looks to be a fitting addition.

JABIR LARADA

Another new signing, fighting hard to force himself into the reckoning. Four goals in Ashford's recent ground breaking friendly against Chinese side Tianjin has certainly helped his case.

YAHYA EL-KABOUCHE

New signing, who last played for Kensington Borough. Has shown plenty of skill in the pre-season matches and having now completed a suspension, he has been elevated into the 1st Team squad.

ELLIOTT POLEY

A young central defender who has come to us this season from Staines Town. He has shown himself to be strong at the back and clearly has a goal or two in him, especially when the ball is

in the air.

WILL BOYE

A giant defender who has yo-yoed between Ashford and his previous club Colliers Wood United. Probably heads the ball further than anyone, a prime advantage when defending, Will is also the manager of the very successful Ashford Ladies side. So far has 52 appearances for the Tangerines.

BEN MURRAY - MANAGER

Ben was given the job three seasons ago at a very young age and even now is one of the youngest managers in the League. Likes to play in a certain style and coaches his teams accordingly. He promised promotion from the CCL in two seasons and achieved it. Last season's aim of a top half finish and a cup was also achieved and he is destined for good things as a manager.

MARK GREEN - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Mark had a distinguished playing career and is now a clear foil for Ben Murray, with his knowledge of the game and his infectious good humour.

MARTIN O'CONNELL - PHYSIO

Martin had several years with Fulham and has been a huge asset for Ashford with his knowledge and experience.

STEVE HONEY - GOALKEEPER COACH

Steve has lots of experience in goal as a player, universally popular and a distinguished groundsman.



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Woods Roll Call 2017-18

including 25.9.17	League apps	League sub	Cups apps	Cups sub	Total apps	League goals	Cup goals	Total goals	Northwood career apps	Northwood career goals	Y	R
Arash Abdullahi	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Pat Adamson	5	0	2	0	7	1	0	1	7	1	0	0
Jean-Paul Antwi	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mohammed Ayoub	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tommy Boxer	3	0	0	1	4	1	0	1	4	1	0	0
Michael Buckley	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wilson Chingoka	3	2	1	1	7	0	0	0	7	0	2	0
Brandon Daly	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jamie Doolan	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
James Gurteen	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kojo Gyimah	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Louis Hall	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tayshan Hayden-Smith	7	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Brad Hewitt	7	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	199	22	1	0
Lewis Hobbs	7	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Montel Joseph	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
Pat Kelly	6	1	1	1	9	0	0	0	9	0	1	0
Evans Kouassi	6	0	2	0	8	2	1	3	8	3	1	0
Borja Loeches-Teixeira	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Cameron Lytle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mahlondo Martin	2	1	2	0	5	1	0	1	5	1	0	0
Andrew McCorkell	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jack McDonnell	3	2	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Tom McDonnell	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
Hamza Miezou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harry Newman	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Hakim Nyariki	0	4	1	1	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Michael Osei	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marcus Rose	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	1
Jay Thorne	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Harry Voss	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Antonio Walker	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Meshach Williams	7	0	1	0	8	2	0	2	8	2	1	0



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SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH



EGHAM TOWN 1

NORTHWOOD PARK



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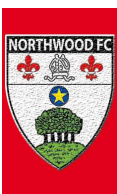
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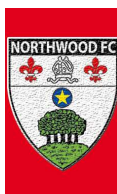
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The Woods' lack of goalscoring prowess returned again as they went down by the narrowest of margins for the third time this season and with only six goals scored in eight matches, the need for improvement in that area is clear for all to see, writes Alan Evans.

It started raining just about on the kick-off whistle and an early chance fell to Meshach Williams who got on the end of a Newman cross but fired well over the bar. But this time it was Egham who netted an opening goal after just six minutes. Awarded a dubious free-kick just outside the box, Ryan Phillips got his effort on target and when Daly only pushed the ball back into the danger-zone the ball was scrambled over to in-form Ryan Debattista who sliced a shot that went in off the far post.

Egham continued to dominate the early stages and some rash tackles gave them several free-kicks from which to attack the goal. They looked to have doubled their lead when Mitchell Wiseman headed in a corner but it was ruled out for a push and then Alex Nolan did well with an attacking run down the right which saw him fire across goal and only just wide of the far post. Soon after, Debattista had a good strike pushed wide by Daly.

After 24 minutes the Woods were awarded a free-kick of their own and Williams arrowed a good shot across the goalkeeper but Patrick Ohman was equal to it and pushed the ball wide of the post. The visitors were still on top, though. After 33 minutes a long ball from Louis Stead put Brendan Matthew through on goal. Daly hesitated but eventually raced from his goal and both reached the ball at around the same time and the slight touch from the Woods' keeper proved just enough to prevent a second goal.

Debattista wasn't far away again five minutes later when Phillips put in a good cross and he flicked a header which flew across goal and wide of the far post. Though the game remained scrappy, Egham continued to hold sway after the break with Daly just keeping out a Debattista effort after getting the better of Lewis Hobbs and then Debattista had a shot blocked by Hobbs before Yorke hammered the rebound against Wiseman.

Wiseman enjoyed a long run out of defence before shooting over the top before the Woods finally began to rally a little. Newman and Evans Kouassi put over a couple of crosses but Williams' header drifted comfortably to Ohman in goal.

Then Jack McDonnell made a good attacking run before playing the ball wide to Newman. His cross was pushed out by Ohman but there was no-one there to snap up the loose ball and Lewis Cole conceded a corner. From that, Williams dummied and Hewitt came in to stab a shot goalwards that was cleared off the line by Phillips and deny the Woods an equaliser.

Kyjuon Marsh-Brown replaced Stead for the Sarnies and did well to create a good chance for himself but then he shot well wide and in the last ten minutes the Woods, still sensing a chance to nick a draw, did what they could to push forward again as Egham tried to manage the game. A good run from Newman saw him knock in a dangerous cross and an attempted defensive clearance hit substitute Mahlondo Martin and could have gone anywhere but rebounded for a goal-kick.

It was Williams who had the last effort on goal with a good strike. Ohman again could only push it away and for a moment it seemed it might fall to the lurking Hewitt but it spun away and he couldn't turn it back goalwards.



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SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

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NORTHWOOD 1



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TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP

NORTHWOOD PARK



EGHAM TOWN 3

The Woods slipped to their fourth defeat in succession with this self-inflicted defeat in the Middlesex derby at rivals Uxbridge, who came from behind to notch their first home win since the opening day of the season. Northwood goalkeeping problems meant that they introduced a fifth different keeper between the sticks in the last five matches, the latest being former MK Dons youngster Andrew McCorkell who has represented Northern Ireland Under-19s and played a few games for both Hendon and Chesham United last season. Also making his Northwood debut in central midfield was Michael Buckley who joined the club from Hanwell Town during the week.

But the Woods were slow out of the blocks and the opening stages belonged to the home side. After just three minutes former Woods midfielder James Burgess was the first to record a shot that flashed wide but soon after a ball over the top saw Dylan Kearney through on goal but though he beat McCorkell the ball was wide of the far post. Tom McDonnell then picked up an unwanted early yellow card after just seven minutes for a foul that actually save Kearney get a shot in on goal but again he was wide of the target.

There were ten minutes on the clock when Northwood breached the Uxbridge defence for the first time as Harry Newman got in a dangerous cross and defender Dave Thomas sliced his clearance high over the bar for a corner. But it was only a brief respite and Uxbridge got their first effort on target after 20 minutes when Joe Wright hit a goalbound shot that was cleared off the line by an alert Buckley. Just three minutes later Wright got his head on the end of a Thomas cross but the ball came back off the crossbar.

Northwood's attempts to form some attacks of their own came mainly through Newman but he was brought down in full flow on two occasions, earning yellow cards for both Ben Peden and debut defender Sam Aggrey-Adam with free-kicks coming to nothing. Meanwhile Uxbridge were still putting the Woods defence under pressure with McCorkell saving well from a Matt Sinclair effort and then a mazy dribble from Rhys Rabess saw him beat two defenders but shoot over the bar. The half came to an end after a similar run from NoyanTajbakhsh got him into the box and this time McCorkell did well to save with his legs.

The Woods coaching staff must have got their points across well at half-time because their side looked a different prospect after the break. They attacked down the hill in much more organised fashion and were quickly on top. The opening goal came on 48 minutes as Evans Kouassi sped down the right past his marker and knocked in a perfect cross to the near-post where Meshach Williams headed powerfully past Paul McCarthy.

Northwood should have doubled that lead eight minutes later as Newman did well on the left and Tom McDonnell played the ball off to Tayshan Hayden-Smith who shot over the bar with just the 'keeper to beat. Two minutes later Newman and McDonnell combined well again with the ball running loose to Kouassi whose powerful shot was well blocked by Burgess.

After 61 minutes a good run from Pat Kelly set up Williams for a good shot on the turn that flew over the top and Uxbridge changed things around by bringing on experienced striker Anthony Thomas for the tiring Wright who was just coming back from injury. Williams gave away a free-kick and picked up a booking for a clumsy challenge after 74 minutes and it was from Sinclair's excellent delivery towards the near-post that Dave Thomas met with a deft flick which left McCorkell flat-footed and levelled the scores.

Brad Hewitt had been struggling with injury in the heart of the Northwood defence and was replaced by youngster James Gurteen for his first appearance of the season and almost immediately the Woods had a great chance to regain the lead but McCarthy spread himself well to save from Newman who was through on goal.

Former Woods striker Ryan Debattista came back to haunt his former club with a remarkable hat-trick that turned this BigFreeBets.com League Cup tie around in the final dozen minutes, writes Alan Evans. The game took a while to warm up and it was Ryan Phillips who was first to record a shot on goal with a speculative strike that sailed well over the bar. A few minutes later Tayshan Hayden-Smith combined well with Mahlondo Martin with a dangerous cross being cleared for a corner.

Hayden-Smith was also the first player to find the target with a 26th minute strike that forced goalkeeper Patrick Ohman to push the ball out and it was cleared to safety.

Unfortunately the Woods lost Pat Adamson to injury, replaced by Pat Kelly and right-winger Kyjuon Marsh-Brown almost took immediate advantage when racing down the flank, cutting in but his eventual shot lacked the power to beat the Woods' keeper.

Loeches-Teixeira pulled off a good save from a Mitchell Wiseman header after 35 minutes but it was Northwood that finished the half strongly. Evans Kouassi was beginning to make an impression and made space to unleash a shot that took a deflection to flash just wide for a corner. Then Meshach Williams fired a free-kick that had Ohman stretching to his left to push the ball wide of the post.

It took just six minutes of the second-half for the Woods to get their noses in front. Kouassi again produced that extra burst of speed in the box which saw him clipped by Wiseman and the same player neatly tucked away the resulting penalty.

Four minutes later Kouassi turned provider with a well-worked corner and cross which was headed just over the bar by Tom McDonnell while another cross from Kouassi fell to Hayden-Smith whose shot was well saved by the solid Egham 'keeper.

Egham should have levelled the scores on the hour when Carter was picked out by a ball from the left but somehow directed his shot straight to Loeches-Teixeira when it was easier to steer it home.

It was end-to-end at this stage. Martin curled a shot just over the crossbar and then young striker Jay O'Connell fired over after a good run from substitute Louis Stead who had been introduced at the same time as Debattista on 66 minutes.

Williams did well to find space just outside the box for a shot at goal but only to fire straight at Ohman and after 72 minutes the Woods made a change with defender Tommy Boxer replacing the tiring Tom McDonnell.

Jordan Berry tried a couple of long-range efforts that flew over the top but on 79 minutes the visitors were level when O'Connell crossed again from the left and Debattista showed his typical poachers instinct to flick the ball home.

Kouassi tried to get his side back in front seeing one effort blocked and then firing another into the side-netting but in between those Egham had taken the lead, Debattista again tucking away a cross from Phillips.

The Woods gambled to get the equaliser that would have forced a penalty shoot-out but were then made to pay again in the final minute of normal time as Debattista completed an eleven minute hat-trick with a fierce shot from outside the box.

The Sarnies moved into the first round where they will play away to Chalfont St. Peter.

2017/18 Woods Squad



HAMZA MIEZOU

20-year-old attacking player who played for Amersham Town and Bishop's Stortford last season having previously played Middlesex League football for AFC Hillgate.

HARRY NEWMAN

A left-sided midfield player, Harry has been a regular for Harrow Borough in the Isthmian Premier for the past two seasons having joined them in 2015 following spells with Harefield United, Hanwell Town and Australian side Clifton Hill.

HAKIM NYARIKI

Hakim is a former member of the successful Wingate & Finchley Under-18 side who joined the Woods this summer after a spell with Barnet. Still only 18, Hakim will be looking to earn a regular place in the match-day squad.

WILL PRICE

20-year-old goalkeeper who was born in Jamaica and played for Constant Spring FC before coming to England as part of Sutton United's academy. Will played for Whyteleafe, Leatherhead and Spelthorne Sports last season but joined the Woods in August 2017.

MARCUS ROSE

Experienced 27-year-old central defender who was with Arsenal and Barnet as a youth. He joined Maidenhead United in 2010 and played there for a couple of seasons while also appearing on loan at Beaconsfield and Harrow Borough. Marcus has spent the last two seasons playing for Ware.

JAYTHORNE

Jay is a former Boreham Wood Academy midfielder who joined the Woods in 2016 from Rayners Lane and progressed through the reserves to win a place in the first-team squad towards the end of the season. Still only 19, Jay will be looking to establish himself in the squad for the new campaign.

HARRY VOSS

20-year-old goalkeeper who has joined the Woods for a loan spell from Bishop's Stortford, for whom the former Tottenham Hotspur Academy prospect played a dozen games in National

League South last season. Harry played for Spurs Under 21 side as well as having a loan spell at Stevenage.

ANTONIO WALKER

18-year-old attacking midfielder who was released by AFC Wimbledon in the summer and joins the Woods looking to make his mark in senior football.

KAI WATTS

Young goalkeeper, only just 17, who played for Hendon and the Middlesex County Under-18s last season so will be looking to learn and progress as a member of the first-team squad over the next year.

MESHACH WILLIAMS

Pacy 26-year-old forward who has been amongst the goals in pre-season having joined the Woods in the summer from Cockfosters. He has also played for Hatfield, Hoddesdon, Hanwell and Broxbourne as well as a spell with Wingate & Finchley in the Isthmian Premier.

SIMON LANE - MANAGER

Simon was appointed as Northwood's new manager in May 2017 and is a vastly experienced coach and manager. After a playing career was cut short by injury Simon took to coaching from an early age and has held a UEFA A Licence for almost twenty years. Recent coaching jobs have included at Maidenhead United in National League South and in management at Isthmian Premier outfit Wingate & Finchley.

JAKE HERACLEOUS - COACH

Highly-respected coach Jake has been working most recently at Bishop's Stortford and has also shown his skills with academies at Arsenal and Brentford, amongst others.

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MATCH REVIEW

As Northwood lost Kelly to injury, replaced by Jamie Doolan, it was Uxbridge who were pressing more for the winner in the closing stages. A long cross pumped in by Luke Warner-Eley saw Kearney's header directed straight at McCorkell while Anthony Thomas picked up another yellow for the home side after hacking down Jack McDonnell.

After Kearney had worked the ball across goal, Warner-Eley then let fly with a good strike from distance which wasn't far wide but time was running out when McCorkell made a good save from a Sinclair shot on 86 minutes. As the Woods' keeper lay on the ground, Kearney followed in and appeared to make minimal contact with his boot but inexplicably McCorkell reacted badly as he recovered his feet and swung his arm at the striker. The result was a penalty followed by a red card and with Buckley donning the green shirt and keepers gloves to make his debut more memorable, he could do nothing to stop Anthony Thomas from scoring from the spot and putting Uxbridge in front.

Despite six minutes of added time, the ten-men could do nothing to try to rescue the point as the home side managed the game through to the finish and the Woods were left pointless.



CLUB MATTERS

SECRETARY



ALAN EVANS

Keeping the Keepers – Five in Five

When we secured a three-month loan agreement with Bishop's Stortford for former Tottenham Hotspur 'keeper Harry Voss, we were delighted to secure the services of such a young capable player and he showed how useful he could be with the clean sheet against Hayes &



Yeading on Bank Holiday Monday. Harry then collided with a goalpost in a training session just a few days later and was ruled out for a lengthy spell.

Not to worry, for the next tough game away at Cambridge City we managed to re-sign Trinidad & Tobago Under-20s' keeper Montel Joseph who did so well with the Woods in the first half of last season, on dual-registration with Hendon. Unfortunately, we then heard that Cheshunt had put in a seven-day approach to Hendon for the big man and he then chose to join the Isthmian side that week. It meant we

were on the lookout again but in the meantime we gave a run-out to last season's goalkeeper Borja Loeches-Teixeira for the League Cup game against Egham Town. By the time we played Egham again in the League a few days later we had signed Brannon Daly from tonight's visitors Ashford Town (Middlesex), though he is also registered for Staines Town. That was a stop-gap before Saturday's visit to Uxbridge. By then we had secured the services of former MK Dons youngster Andrew McCorkell who became our fifth goalkeeper in five matches, though he will now sadly miss our next three matches after being sent-off late in the game. We have of course already fielded six goalkeepers in our nine games this season so far as Mohammad Ayoub had to fill in for Harry Voss in our FA Cup game at Swindon Supermarine as Harry was not allowed to play in the competition as part of the loan agreement.

Congratulations.....Alistair Heselton

Striker Alistair Heselton had three spells



8 Woods Squad



PAT KELLY

American-born 27-year-old midfielder who has joined the Woods in the summer having previously played for Caroline Railhawks in the National Premier Soccer League and previously Kitsap Pumas in the US.

EVANS KOUASSI

Evans is a pacy attacking player, now 27, who was born in the Ivory Coast and joined the Woods from Bishop's Stortford. His previous clubs include Billericay Town, Chelmsford City, Concord Rangers, Hayes & Yeading, Enfield Town and Kingstonian amongst others.

BORJA LOECHES-TEIXEIRA

Spanish-born goalkeeper, now 28, who joined the Woods in December 2016 after a spell with Edgware Town having previously played for Walton & Hersham.

CAMERON LITTLE

18-year-old attacking midfielder who joins the club after two successful seasons with Wingate & Finchley's Under-18s and will be looking to establish himself in senior football over the next year.

MAHLONDO MARTIN

A former Watford Academy attacking midfielder, Jamaican-born 20-year-old Mahlondo joined the Woods in August 2017, having previously had spells with Salisbury, Kings Langley and Hayes & Yeading in the last campaign.

JACK MCDONNELL

A 19-year-old attacking midfield player, Jack came through the youth and reserve ranks at Northwood to make his first-team debut towards the end of last season and will be looking to earn a regular place in the squad in the new campaign.

TOM MCDONNELL

22-year-old central midfielder who signed for the Woods having been playing in America for Chivas Florida Under-23s. Has previous experience at Eton Manor and Bishop's Stortford.

Athletic and Canvey Island before spending the last season playing in Austria for FC Eurotours Kitzbuhel where he enjoyed a successful campaign.

BRAD HEWITT

Now 29, central defender Brad returns to Chestnut Avenue for his third spell at the club which he originally joined from Boreham Wood back in October 2006. He will be looking to add to his 190 appearances for the Woods



having since also played for Hemel Hempstead, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Slough Town, Hendon, Biggleswade Town and Dunstable Town.

LEWIS HOBBS

Just 17, Lewis is a highly-regarded defender who has joined the Woods on a season-long work-experience loan from Barnet FC and will be hoping the experience of playing senior football will be an ideal launch pad for a professional career.





Meet The 2017/1

ARASH ABDOLLAHI

Iranian-born 20-year-old striker who signed for Northwood in August 2017 having previously been based in the Midlands and playing for Heanor Town, Borrowash Victoria, Radford and Awwsworth Villa.

PAT ADAMSON

Pat has joined the Woods for the new season following his release from Leyton Orient where he was a regular on the left flank for their Under-18 side. Only 18, he had a loan spell with Isthmian side Soham Town Rangers last season and will be looking to establish himself in senior football.

JEAN-PAUL ANTWI

Left-sided defender who has been at Reading and Watford academy sides and had a brief spell here at Northwood last season. He has signed up again for the new campaign and at only 17, will be hoping to progress throughout the season.

MOHAMMED AYOUB

Young goalkeeper who joined the Woods in time to make an FA Cup debut in August 2017 after trials with Chesterfield. A former FAB Academy keeper, the 20-year-old had a short spell with Beaconsfield Sycob last season.

TOMMY BOXER

Experienced defender, who was recruited by the Woods in August 2017 from Potters Bar Town. Has also played for Cockfosters.

WILSON CHINGOKA

A former Wingate & Finchley youngster, Wilson is still 18 and played last season for the successful Herts County side AFC Oaklands where he starred in a midfield role.

JAMIE DOOLAN

Jamie is a product of the club's youth structure having progressed through the Under-18s and reserves to earn a place in the first-team squad last season. A versatile player who usually operates in midfield, Jamie is now 20 and will be looking to establish himself in the squad for the new campaign.

JAMES GURTEEN

An 18-year-old defender, James has made the

switch from Hillingdon Borough this summer and will be looking to prove himself at the higher level. James has been linked to Watford FC through the Harefield Academy.

KOJO GYIMAH

Kojo is a 19-year-old former Stevenage Borough and Wycombe Wanderers academy forward who joined in the summer and will be looking to establish himself in the Woods new side this season.



LOUIS HALL

Young defender, released by Aston Villa in the summer, who has joined Northwood in August 2017 and will looking to make the transition to senior football as the season progresses.

TAYSHAN HAYDEN-SMITH

Young attacking midfielder player who spent time at Brentford, QPR, AFC Wimbledon and Aldershot as a youth. Still only 20, Tayshan played for Enfield Town, Hayes & Yeading, Grays

here at Northwood between 2003 and 2005, scoring 17 goals in 55 matches before a tragic car accident a year later killed his best friend Simon Patterson and ended Alistair's non-League career with head injuries. But he relaunched himself in the Paralympics as a Cerebral Palsy affected footballer, successfully representing Great Britain in the seven-a-side game. Since retiring from that, Alistair has become an inspirational speaker and travels the Country giving talks and taking training sessions, helping to inspire future generations and last week his own achievements were given real recognition as he was inducted into the National Football Museum's Hall of Fame.

Season Ticket Offer

Once again the Club have made our cut-price season ticket available to all supporters for the new season. For only £40.00 you can gain access to all of the remaining League matches being played by the first-team this season, so less than £2.00 per match. There are application forms available in the clubhouse this week and if you fill it out and pass the money to us, you will get entry for tonight's League fixture as part of the package. Alternatively you can order it direct by card at your leisure via the website. It will remain on offer for the next couple of months as it continues to provide value for money for some time.

The price also includes admission to each of our Under-18s midweek youth league matches too. There are other benefits of the Season Ticket too. It gives you access to the Clubhouse at any time and also allows you to book it for private functions should you wish.

We still have a few remaining Season Tickets available for collection from me this evening.

Programme goes Digital ONLY

If you were here for our opening home league games you will already be aware that if you are reading these notes in the programme, you are almost certainly reading it on your phone, tablet or on a PC screen as from the new season we are no longer producing a paper version. The League changed their rules this season to state that the need to produce a programme for each match no longer had to be a printed version and for lots of reasons, we made the decision to end it. It is a change that will be strange for both Ken Green and myself as between us we have produced virtually every printed Northwood programme since Ken first started them in the 1970s.

The quality of the programme should remain

much the same though and to download it will now be free so savings all round. It also makes it more available to everyone. We have already had a massive increase in downloads of people reading the programme. You can either download it in a format that is easy to read or to print it out yourself at home should that be your preference. We hope you will embrace the change and enjoy it.

However, we are aware that some people would prefer it to remain a printed edition and indeed, we have even received an offer from one of our loyal and regular supporters to cover the losses that the club makes when producing a printed version. So, we will consider it further over the next few weeks but please let us know what you think, either in person at a game or by email to the club email address enquiries@northwoodfc.com

Under-18s – FA Youth Cup

Following their excellent 5-1 defeat of Haringey Borough in the opening round of the FA Youth Cup, the Under-18s travelled to Chesham United for the First Qualifying round last Thursday night. They started at blistering pace and missed a host of chances before eventually taking the lead after just seven minutes through Femi Azeez. But just ten minutes later Chesham were level when Ollie Lawford, son of John Lawford one of the best predatory strikers of the last twenty years who played briefly for the Woods ten years ago, levelled after a defensive error.

The same player then scored with a clever flick to make it 2-1 and it remained that way through to half-time. The Woods hit back on the hour when Azeez notched his second with a tap-in from close-range after a good header but Lawford completed his hat-trick almost immediately to leave the Woods behind again. But they weren't finished yet and substitute Sam Netscher headed home an equaliser and the game went to extra-time. Kyran Worrell had a free-kick that came back off a post while Callum Bedwell's header was cleared off the line but it was the home side that snatched the 4-3 victory with a goal on 107 minutes.

It was an entertaining and competitive game and while the Woods should really have won having dominated for long spells, they can be proud of the win with ten of the starting eleven players still only sixteen and with another year at youth level still to come in 2018/19.

The side is back in Sportswik Youth League action this week with a home game against Wealdstone on Thursday evening. →

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Groundshare - London Tigers FC

You will have heard over the summer that we have allowed Spartan South Midlands League side London Tigers to have a one-year only groundshare arrangement here at Northwood Park this season. Their ground at Avenue Park on the Western Avenue (formerly Viking Sports) was pretty much ruined following a visit by a travelling community last season and they needed somewhere to play while they have the ground cleared and decontaminated.

We had already decided to look for a new League for our reserve side after the Suburban League had involved increased travelling over the years and we have put our backing into a new Middlesex Under-23 Development League which is now planned. That doesn't start until next season, 2018/19, so the groundshare suits all parties and next year we will revert to the important "reserve" side that will be a stepping

stone between our top youth side and senior football.

Anyone with a Northwood Season Ticket can gain admission to their Spartan South Midlands League games for half-price, which will be £3.50 for adults or £3 for OAP's. Like our own games, Under-16s are admitted free so if you can't get along to the first-team away games then please pop along to see the Tigers. Their next fixtures here at Northwood Park are on Saturday 14th and Tuesday 17th October when they take on firstly Biggleswade FC and then Fergus Moore's Edgware Town side.

Player Sponsors

As the season is still fairly new, why not work out who your favourite Northwood player is and then choose to sponsor them. Elsewhere in today's programme you can see the full squad and only a handful of players are already sponsored. It would be great to get the page filled up as early as possible this season.

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